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Serial No.: 09/160,991, Continuing Prosecution Application of Serial No. 09/160,991
filed on September 25, 1998, which is continuation of Serial No.
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Filed: Herewith
Group Art Unit: 3724
Examiner: Hwei-Sui Payer
Applicant: Zhang et al.
Title: CUTTING DIE AND METHOD OF FORMING

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

January 5, 2000

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.607

Prior to the examination on the merits of the above-identified Application,
and under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.607, please amend the subject application by adding the
following claims:

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 13-19.